Subject: "Roman Coinage": Palin, Carolus; Prof. Arnold Luschin von Ebengreuth's coin collection.

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May 23, 1929.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York N. Y.

Attention of Messrs. E. T. Newell & H. Wood:

Dear Sirs:-

I have your favor of May 22nd and upon hearing that your institution is a museum, which was not known to me, I suspended at once all negotiations with prospective purchases. I cannot deny that some inviting offers were made for various specimens but it is my desire to keep the collection together, the more so if it comes into the hands of a museum where it will remain permanently. The entire collection goes by insured mail to your address to-day.

Permit me to state the mode of packing: Each coin is in a transparent envelope. With it is a small thick piece of paper in the handwriting of Professor Dr. A. von Ebengreuth. There are 17 small parcels bearing numbers from 1 to 17. These numbers which are marked on the outside refer to the "DRAWER" in which he had the collection. This drawer number is repeated in red ink on the paper in the Professor's handwriting. This system has been followed in order to be able to have a key to the situation. On the slip of paper is also written in red ink: a-3 or d-4 or f-7 etc. This nomenclature refers to the head description of each and every coin as the same has been listed on the typewritten sheets which I have forwarded to you. ---------- This, my crude explanation, may serve to facilitate your inspection of the coins.

The Professor has also a collection of other coins which in all probability ---------sooner or later, he will be obliged to dispose of. Upon my return, I will request him to make a list of all these various coins and forward the same to you. ---------I believe the Professor will share my view that it is much better to preserve the collection permanently rather than have it split up through the hands of a number of dealers and go into the possession of various parties where they will hardly remain in the future.

I would thank you if I could hear from you at an early date so that I may write to the Professor.

Thanking you for an early reply,

Very truly yours,

Otto W. Jurgens

Prof. Luschin von Ebengreuth was honored by the City of Graz as "Honorary Citizen" in 1928. A reproduction of an oil painting hung in the Municipal Bldg. of Graz I enclosed with the parcel. -- His name and his appearance has led some people to believe that he is a Hebrew — He is not.

Dr. O. Jürgens
GRAZ.

Hon. Mr. Wood
Curator. Am. Numismatic Soc.
New York.

The party writing to you, is the same person, who brought the collection of Mr. Luschin von Ebengreuth last June to New York - Some greek and roman coins. - -

I have now before me a book from 1671.

Imperatorum
Romanorum
Numismata
— — —
Argentinae.

Carolus Patin

Prostant apud Simonem Paulli Bibliopolam.
MDC.LXXI.

The book is in substantially good condition - no pages torn; its binding well preserved. - Exclusive of Index it covers exactly 500 pages. - The Index covers 39 Pages. - I pick at random Page 301 — Caracallae - above illustrated 2 coins: inscription: Antioch Col. Caes. - Antioch Gen-Col. In the center of the same page 2 coins Roma Fel. - the other Col. Fel. Par. showing the Roman lupas with - Romulus and Remus. Deult. This reference I make solely for the purpose of enabling a comparison on your part. - The size of the pages is about 8½" x 13" (inches). — Text entirely in latin. -

The foregoing may suffice - possibly you have the same volume. 150 Schillings (Austrian are asked) equal to $21.50. If not, I feel you should have same at all events.

Please write to me immediately, if you care for same, so I may procure it. Yours truly

Dr. O. Jurgens

Graz, Janu 22nd 1930.

Since writing the foregoing I concluded and did purchase same. - - I will bring it along in May, unless you should decide to have it earlier. —

Certainly it is better in your possession. — If I send it by mail, the carriage charges must be added —

Yours
O.M.J.

Feb. 7, 1930

Dr. O. Jurgens
Graz
Panoramahof

Dear Dr. Jurgens:

I was very glad to hear from you and to know that you had us in mind. We happen to have that book on Roman coins by Carolus Palin that you write about. These old time books are to-day of little value, but in a library like ours, we try to procure these old works simply as a collection.

Again thanking you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

Mr. Howland Wood
Curator.
American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood!

I had hoped, that the book on Roman coins by Carolus Palin would be both useful and valuable. In this expectation I purchased same; — now it seems that I must hunt for a purchaser, and I had better be glad to get rid of it again for $10.00 — I will bring it along in May together with various coins of the Middle-Age for your selection; many of them in good condition. —

If you are of the opinion, that I would not get $10.00 for the Carolus Palin, I would not take the trouble to bring it to the States. May I ask you to please drop me a postal, what you think about it.

Thanking you in advance

Very truly yours
O. W. Jurgens
P.O. - Graz - Austria
Panoramahof.

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March 13, 1930

Mr. O.W. Jurgens
Graz, Austria

Dear Mr. Jurgens:

I very much doubt that it would pay you to bring the book by Palin to this country with the idea of making anything on it and the chance of coming out whole. If you can sell it for what you paid for it, I should advise you to do so. The fact of the matter is that there is next to no one in this country who collects old numismatic books,-all they care for is a working library which consists of recent publications. Now and then some of these old books bring a fair price at a regular book sale where they are bought by book collectors for their imprint or for some other good reason.

I shall be glad to see you when you come back to this country.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

June 3,1930

Mr. Otto W. Jurgens
139 N. Clark Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Both my Assistant and I have looked over the coins of Nassau and valued them at the price they would probably sell for in this country, putting a better price on those pieces that we do not have. However, we do have over a third of them and we should have to dispose of them at whatever price we could get. Our estimate is exactly $58.00 for the collection. We are in no hurry in this matter, so if you wish us to do so, we can write to Germany to ascertain if it is satisfactory. Although the coins are in nice condition, there are no rarities, but three or four of them are scarce.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Dear Mr. Wood June 5th - 1930

Please send me check to my order for $58.00 if possible draft on Chicago. This will save me some time in N.Y. —

Please send your letter with the check stating that this is in payment of the coins left by me with you, so I can show what I have received, giving the check goes back to you. Louis O. W. Juzeans 1397 N. Clark St Chicago. —

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood Esq
Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway bet 155 & 156
New York.

June 9, 1930

Mr. Otto W. Jurgens
1392 Clark Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing the Society's checque for $58.00, the sum we estimated the silver coins- chiefly of Nassau- are worth in this country. These are the coins you left with us on your return from Europe.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Hon. Howland Wood.
New York

Dear Sir.

Prof Dr Arnold Luschin von Ebengreuth has entered his 90te year. – He will be 90 years of age on Aug. 26te 1931. – In his Honor, the Vienna Society has caused to be made an honorary medal, a copy of which I am mailing you to day by registered mail. – Since you know of him, the medal might find a welcome place.

The city of Gray will hold a special festival in honor of Luschin – he has been made an Honorary Citizen of this city. –

If a photograph of Luschin with a dedication to your society is worth framing to you, I will be glad to get it for you in almost any size, you may wish. Just quote the size, suitable for your purpose. – so I may send something neither too small or too large, (certainly without any expense whatever.)

Very truly yours
O. M. Jungen

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Nov. 19,1930

Mr. O. W. Jurgens
Pamaramhof
Graz, Austria

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 4th is at hand but as yet the medal has not arrived. However, permit me to thank you for remembering us and I know that the medal will be appreciated.

I hardly know what to say about the autographed photograph. We have many of these but little room in which to show them, and most of this sort of material is packed away. I am afraid it will eventually be buried the same as many others. Do not, therefore, go to any especial trouble about a photograph. If you do want to do it, I should say a small one rather than a large one.

But we do appreciate the medal, and again thank you.

Very truly yours,

Curator.